GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:464
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BLACK MARKETING OF COAL
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the objective of allocating coal to the National Consumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF);

(b) the details of the quantum of coal lifted by the NCCF and sold to the consumers during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the rate at which the coal was given to the NCCF and the rate at which the same was sold by them;

(d) whether any complaints have been received regarding sale of coal in black market;

(e) if, whether these complaints have been investigated;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof;

(g) the steps taken by the Government to check black marketing of coal;

(h) whether the purpose of allocating coal to the NCCF has been achieved; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SURI SHIBU SOREN)

(a) to (i) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in replv to parts (a) of (i) of Lok Sa`bha Starred Question No. 464 for 17.5.2006

(a): National Co-operative Consumers` Federation of India Limited ~NCCF), a multii state cooperative society, was allocated coal, on the tecommendation olF the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Foo.d and Public Distribution, for dis:tributing it to small and tiny consumers who do not have linkage or sponsor`ship and find it difficult to approach directly coal companies to meet t heir requirements of coal.

(b): Order for allocation of coal to NCCF was issued in December 2004, for a quantity of 2 million tonnes per annum. However, the actual quantity of coal lifted by NCCF is as under:

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2004-05  : 0.89 lakh tonnes
2005-06  : 4.19 lakh tonnes
April2006 : 0.36 lakh tonnes
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(c): NCCF is being supplied coal at the floor price of e-marketing i.e. 20% above the notified price. NCCF has been directed to distribu te coal to small and tiny ccmsumers across the country at a price not in excess of 105% of the base price charged by the coal companies. Transportation charges and duties/levies shall be extra.

(d) to (i): Complaints have been received alleging irregularities in sale of coa`i by NCCF. Chief Vigilance Officer, CIL was instructed to .investigate those complaints. In his report, he suggested certain measures to improve the distribution net work system of NCCF. Based on his report, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution was requested to take follow up action.

CIL has been directed to strictly monitor supply of coal to prevent any misuse of coat

Coal India Limited has put in place a `Watchdog mechanism` to ensure that there are no irregularities in sale of coal by NCCF.

This arrang,ement has been made to enable tiny consumers to access coal. To that extent the objective is being achieved.